

Remarks

The Restriction Requirement contends that the application contains the following distinct species: (1) Species 1 (FIG. 1); (2) Species 2 (FIG. 4); (3) Species 3 (FIG. 5); (4) Species 4 (FIG. 8); (5) Species 5 (FIG. 9); and (6) Species 6 (FIG. 10). Applicant elects, with traverse, Species 3 (FIG. 5) for prosecution in the present application. Claims 1-43 are readable on this species.

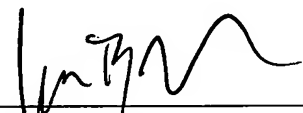
Under MPEP § 806.04(f), claims to be restricted to different species must be mutually exclusive. Stated differently, claims are to be restricted to different species only when one claim recites limitations disclosed only for a first species but not the second, while a second claim recites limitations disclosed only for the second species but not the first. MPEP § 806.04(f). Claims 1-43 do not recite any features that are not disclosed for the species shown in FIG. 5. Hence, all pending claims should be examined together in the present application.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if there any issues remaining concerning this matter.

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